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SUBJ: CAL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARAYA BY

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY

1. IN HIS OCTOBER 10 COURTESY CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARAYA OGBAGZY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN WASHINGTON IN CURRENT ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS, THAT THE USG WISHES THE NEW REGIME WELL IN ITS EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE ETHIOPIA, AND THAT USG LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH IT. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME YOUNG PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD OUR PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HERE AS AN INDICATION THAT THE USG WAS WEDDED TO THE ANCIEN REGIME, WHICH IS OF COURSE NOT A PROPER INTERPRETATION OF OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS ETHIOPIA. MULCAHY SAID HE REALIZED THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME MISINTERPRETATION IN ETHIOPIA OF THE ABSENCE OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HERE, AND HE HOPED THAT A REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT COULD SHORTLY BE SUBMITTED.

2. CHARGE' WYMAN ACCOMPANIED MULCAHY AND TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE PRESENT PRACTICE OF THE USG REGARDING RECOGNITION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION BY THE USG WILL NOT ARISE IN ETHIOPIA IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUATION OF NORMAL RELATIONS EVER SINCE
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THE DEPOSITION OF THE EMPEROR.

3. ARAYA INDICATED ON HIS PART FULL CONFIDENCE THAT "THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP" OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EVERY INTENTION OF MAINTAINING CLOSE AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

4. IN THE SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, WHICH RANGED OVER A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, MULCAHY SPOKE OF THE SATISFACTION WITH WHICH THE USG REGARDS THE PRESENT PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS. HE ALSO INFORMED ARAYA OF THE CALL BEING PAID ON PRESIDENT FORD BY PRESIDENT SIAD IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU CHAIRMAN. IN BRIEF COMMENTS ON THE ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL SITUATION, ARAYA INDICATED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO RETAIN THE MONARCHY IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE MILITARY ARE NOT SURE JUST HOW THE POPULATION AT LARGE FEELS ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE ISSUE MAY THEREFORE BE PUT TO THE PEOPLE FOR DECISION.
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